

THE question of water storage has assumed such importance to this section that the GAZETTE has taken pains to gather exact information on the subject, and learns what has been done elsewhere. Reno would be obliterated by such an accident as that of the Johnstown flood, and we naturally ask whether great engineering works can be constructed above us without risk of something of that sort occurring. Within the next ten years there are likely to be, not one, but dozens, of dams, holding as much water back as was in the Conemaugh reservoir, on the head waters of the Truckee, any and all of which will send their waters by our doors if they give way. No small consideration should be given to this subject by any one who is contemplating work of this kind. What is done by the Government will doubtless be well done, but our local Boards or private parties have no one to look to. Some supervisory arrangements should be made by our State Legislature to protect life and property. Such breaks occur in seasons of heavy rain or cloudburst. A small dam may break and its waters fall on a larger one below with the force and weight of accumulated swiftness, carrying otherwise safe works away, and sending everything whirling that lies below it. An excellent suggestion was made by the Enterprise recently, which was that reservoirs be made off the course of streams as much as possible and their supply be carried to them in ditches. Many suitable places can be found, and all should be taken advantage of. As we have frequently said before, the solution of this question will tax our ingenuity, resources and character as a people to the utmost.

A San Francisco Examiner Washington correspondent reports Senator Jones of Nevada as follows:

Senator Jones of Nevada is the author of the remarks quoted by ex Senator Thomas C. P. in his Detroit interview.

Senator Jones was waiting in Chamberlain's restaurant with a party of other Senators, who were exchanging views as to the conduct of the Presidents in the distribution of patronage, and one of them remarked that there only trouble with Harrison was that he had no "ring head."

"Big head," remarked Jones; "only big head, but he is a scoundrel, and I am sorry that he is difficult for him to crawl through the doors of the White House. If Gold Almynt were a cloak it would not make a very good for Harrison."

The GAZETTE does not believe that Senator Jones said anything of the kind. He is a man of too much good sense in the first place to cut his own throat, and in the second place he is too much of a gentleman to make use of any such language, even if he thought it. The report is from a Democratic source and we believe it to be another story started for the purpose of injuring President Harrison and at the same time drive a nail in Senator Jones' coffin. It is as silly as it is contemptible.

Davitt on the Stand.

LONDON, July 2.—Michael Davitt was examined before the Parnell Commission to-day. Davitt declared that there was no truth in the account given by Le Caron before the commission concerning the proposals of John Devoy being submitted to Parnell. Parnell had nothing to do with the witness' visit to America in 1878. The witness intended to make another visit to America on a lecturing tour to raise money to help the agrarian movements.

Davitt stated that while in America he attended meetings of the Clan-na-gael, at which he explained the objects of the Clan League and tried to win the Clan-na-gael to its support. The Clan-na-gael, he said, included some of the best Irishmen in America. It is no more a murder club than was the Carlton Club of London. There was no alliance between the Clan-na-gael and the League in Ireland. The League movement in America won the support of all the Irish in America to Parnell. Witness said that he himself was opposed to the use of dynamite because it was an immoral and unmanly style of warfare. He was not opposed to physical force, if in resorting thereto there was a reasonable chance of success.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Bar silver, 91.5%. At Hail, Idaho, to-day, they had a million fire.

At Duluth, Wis., to-day, 2,000 laborers struck for an advance of 25 cents per day.

Three ladies were drowned in Lake Roseau, Ont., last evening by the upsetting of a boat.

RAILROAD WRECK.

Caused by Running Into a Washout.

BRUTAL MURDER IN CALIFORNIA.

A Colorado Town About Annihilated by Fire.

MAN KILLED AT CARSON.

The People of Venezuela Opposed to Their Dictator.

ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.

A Disastrous Week.

LIBERTY, Va., July 2.—A fearful wreck occurred on the Norfolk & Western road, near Thaxton's thirty miles above this city. It is reported that forty persons were killed.

PHILADELPHIA, July 2.—President Kimball of the Norfolk & Western Railway was seen this afternoon in relation to the wreck on his road this morning. He said that while the wreck is serious and resulted in a loss of life, the report telegraphed from Lynchburg was greatly exaggerated. The information furnished him up to 1 o'clock this afternoon is that five persons were killed, nearly all of whom were train hands, and quite a number of others were injured. The train ran into a wash-out caused by rains and the locomotive and several cars were thrown into a ditch. The cars caught fire and a number of passengers were severely burned, in addition to those injured by the wreck.

Destructive Conflagration.

DENVER, July 2.—Additional particulars received from the Durango conflagration say that as soon as the fire was discovered the entire fire department was called out, but the streams of water which were poured upon the fire seemed to aggravate the flames till it became so hot the firemen were compelled to beat a hasty retreat. Attention was then turned towards confining it to the part of town lying north of H street, but this the firemen were unable to do, for it became so hot that it was utterly impossible to get close to it, notwithstanding the wind was blowing in a diagonal direction.

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NEW TO-DAY.

BILLS ALLOWED.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET on July 1st, 1888, pursuant to adjournment. Present—T. K. Hymer (Chairman), W. P. McLaughlin (Commissioner), T. V. Julian, Clerk; J. D. Allen, District Attorney; L. J. Flint, Sheriff; following bills against the county were allowed:

W. H. Chamberlain, feeding prisoners..... \$20.00

W. H. Joy, hospital..... 15.00

Folsom & Wells, supplies..... 58.74

W. H. Meek, Commissioner..... 50.00

D. Allen, District Attorney..... 7.00

T. V. Julian, Clerk..... 15.00

J. B. Williams, Recorder and Auditor..... 15.00

J. E. L. Niederman, hauling..... 30.00

D. B. Boyd Co. Treasures..... 150.00

T. K. Hymer, salary..... 50.00

Nellie Musgrave, census..... 50.00

T. K. Hymer, supplies..... 11.00

T. K. Hymer, disbursements..... 11.00

T. K. Hymer, disbursements..... 28.00

T. K. Hymer, disbursements..... 5.00

T. K. Hymer, disbursements..... 5.75

H. L. Wright, supplies..... 15.00

A. R. Newell, disbursements..... 4.00

W. H. Niederman, disbursements..... 20.00

W. H. Young, justice fees..... 174.66

E. C. Simons, noxious animals..... 6.00

W. H. Niederman, supplies..... 183.00

Dr. H. H. Howland, examining insane..... 66.00

County Treasurer, disbursements..... 66.00

Renf Giffard, attorney..... 75.00

H. S. Stoddard, Acc. Co. of America..... 320.00

W. H. Niederman, attorney rent..... 25.00

Miss Jessie Ford, census..... 40.00

Ross Lewers, road work..... 7.75

W. H. Niederman, road work..... 47.00

County Treasurer, disburses..... 2.25

H. L. Wright, supplies..... 10.00

A. R. Newell, disbursements..... 13.50

W. H. Niederman, supplies..... 52.87

J. W. H. Hagerman, supplies..... 5.50

W. H. Niederman, supplies..... 75.75

W. H. Niederman, supplies..... 5.00

W. H. Niederman, supplies..... 266.00

S. J. Hodkinson, supplies..... 2.00

C. J. Brookins, supplies..... 5.00

G. H. Thomas & Co., physician..... 1.00

H. J. Thys, supplies..... 2.50

County Treasurer, disbursements..... 240.00

Other Commissioners' supplies..... 12.75

J. W. Richardson, road work..... 20.00

C. O. Porter, census..... 10.00

L. J. Flint, Sheriff..... 314.00

C. P. Foster, printing..... 12.00

L. J. Wallace, supplies..... 10.00

J. W. Flint, watchmaking..... 15.00

W. H. Niederman, supplies..... 9.00

Folsom & Wells, supplies..... 66.00

Folsom & Wells, supplies..... 32.00

T. V. Julian, County Clerk..... 10.00

FIRE AT CARSON.

A Block of Buildings Burned—A Man Run Over by the Cars and Killed.

Carson, July 2.—A fire broke out in this city last night and the block of buildings opposite the United States Mint was totally destroyed, including the livery stable of D. Circe, a small clothing store, the Corbett House, a tailor shop and several other small buildings, and two blacksmith shops on the back of the block. The V. & T. freight house, across the street, had a very narrow escape.

George Brown, a brakeman in the employ of the V. & T. Company, and a Carson raised boy, caught his foot in a frog in the yard and was run over and cut in two by the train last night. He lived about an hour after the accident.

Some of the Survivors.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Among the passengers in the steamer Newport, from Aspinwall, which arrived last night, are the band (numbering thirteen men) of the United States steamer Nipic and four seamen from the same vessel, and three seamen from the United States steamer Vandalia, survivors of the Samoan disaster.

A Liberal Purse.

SHEEPHEAD BAY, July 2.—This is the last day of the Spring meeting of the Coney Island Jockey Club. The most important event of the meeting—the great Realization Stake of \$40,000 for three-year-olds, a mile and five furlongs, was won by Salvation, Tenny second and Long Dance third. Time, 2:51.

Bringing His Man.

CHICAGO, July 2.—J. B. Hume, chief special officer of Wells, Fargo & Co., passed through Chicago to-day en route from Boston to San Francisco, having in charge J. B. Kanney, being extracted for having obtained \$4,800 from Wells, Fargo & Co. upon a forged check in May last.

Special to the GAZETTE.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., July 2.—Tom Wilson, a Swede 50 years of age, yesterday at Glen Ellen, murdered a man called "Crazy Joe" by cutting his throat and shooting him. Wilson was arrested and confessed the crime, but assigned no reason.

Scarcely Described.

PANAMA, June 23.—Everything remains at a stand-still since the stoppage of work on the canal. The machinery is being stored. Colon and the villages along the canal are nearly bare of inhabitants.

Pension Payments.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The special train bearing the Sullivan party from Rochester to New Orleans arrived here early this morning and left at 8 o'clock.

Their Way South.

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THE CITIZENS

OF...

WASHOE COUNTY

Are cordially invited to

VISIT VIRGINIA CITY

...ON THE...

4th of July

...AND...

Join the People of Storey County

In the celebration of

Our National Anniversary.

The Committee of Invitation—

HON. RICHARD RISING.

J. P. FLANNINGHAM, Secretary.

T. V. JULIEN, County Clerk.

A GREAT REDUCTION!

...ON...

Summer -- Suitings!

WITH the opening of July, I have a large stock of cloths that must be worked up, and I offer BUSINESS SUITS, made in a thorough manner, at \$25.00 and upwards. PANTS at \$7.00.

I mean business and defy competition.

Give Me a Call and be Convinced!

FRED KOLSTER,

East Side of Virginia Street. (2nd) MERCHANT TAILOR.

NEW TO-DAY.

S. JACOBS OIL

FOR ATHLETES.

The Best ATHLETES AT HOME. The Most Renowned Abroad will use no other Remedy.

THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., Baltimore, Md.

PIANOS AND ORGANS.

PARTIES

MONTE CARLO, THE

Reno Evening Gazette

Tuesday.....July 2, 1889

JOTTINGS.

Try a Pride of Washoe cigar.
Order your ice cream at the Palace Bakery.

A healthy and nourishing drink—"milk shake." The finest at the Palace Bakery.

Buy your fireworks of J. F. Atkin who will cut it any length desired and deliver it to any part of the town.

The Riverside Hotel is the place to go for as fine a meal as can be had on the line of the Central Pacific road.

George Becker's Granite Saloon is the place to go for a glass of Pacific or Frederickenburg beer and a nice hot soufflé.

C. F. Beckwith's stock of fireworks are attracting the attention of all the small boys in town. Try his 5 cent cigar, the best in town.

Blackberries, currants, strawberries, peaches, apricots, plums, new potato, cucumbers and string beans at E. C. Leadbeater's.

J. J. Becker's Chicago Saloon will be found to be a cool, quiet place to go for your midday lunches and a schooner of either Boer or Sacramento beer.

Desk folios, blotting paper, bristle board, drawing paper, vilain cloth for tracing, and carpenter's drawing pencils at C. A. Thurston's news depot. Also a full line of Fourth of July fireworks.

Syrup of Figs.

Produced from the laxative and nutritious juice of California figs, combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, acts gently on the kidneys, liver and bowels, effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches, and curing habitual constipation.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Following is the list of advertised letters remaining uncalled for in the Postoffice at Reno, Nevada, June 29th 1889:

Alexander, Mrs E. A. Arthur, Joseph
Barrett, Frank Berger, Jas
De Berry, M. Benson, C. A.
Brooks, G. L. Brown, Ed S.
Burgard, B. F. Buch, Stonewall
Burke, John M. Campbell, Mrs D. C.
Campbell, Mrs A. A. Chapman, Ed
Coddington, J. Crane, Erich
Crosier, A. Conner, W. A.
Cotton, Mrs N. D. C. Daniel
Eaton, J. G. Garland, Rev
Graham, R. J. Grimes, G.
Harr, M. H. Hais, E. T.
Heeter, J. F. Hillman, Gertrude
Hight, Stort Holdridge, Miss E.
Holloway, Mrs Anna Jack, John E.
Kinney, B. H. Kinney, Mary A.
Lake, Miss Kitty May, S. H.
Morris, O. R. Murphy, Katie
McAllister, A. W. Myrick, Maggie
McDonald, Mrs J. McKinley, Key
Newman, Johnnie P. Prentiss, Wm.
Peterson, Miss S. Platt, B. C.
Rogers, W. W. Scott Mrs Mary
Schwartz, Bertha Sanchat, J. M.
Swanson, C. C. Sweeney, C. E.
Pierce, Mrs S. W. Williams, Evan
Willard, Nathan White, Burke
FOREIGN LETTERS.
Stefani, Domenico Balsi, A.
Giuseppe, Varratti, Vincenzo, Joseph
Dona, Sienora Faddoro, Joe
Primauro, Taques

J. C. HAGEMAN, Postmaster.

Here Are a Few of My Prices for Cash.

No 7 wash boiler, 1x in. \$1.75
No 7 tea kettle 1.00
1-quart milk strainer 75
5-cent elbow 75
1-quart Mason fruit jars, per dozen 1.00
1-pint Mason fruit jars, per dozen 1.50
1-quart fruit cans, per dozen 1.00
2-in. door lock, with key 50
1/2 in. water pipe, per foot 45
No 2 clothes wringer 2.25
Cat oil per case, to gallons Star 3.25
Stone oil per case 3.25
3-lined hay forks—very best 75
Galvanized iron wash tub, 25 in. diam' 2.00
10-quart hot water pails, 1x in. 1.00
10-quart hot water pails, 1x in. 1.00
Pioneer white lead, per pound 75
Horsehoe nail per box, 25, Putman 6.00
Horsehoe nail's closets, furnished and set from 1.00
20 pounds of nails 1.00
Deves paint colors, 3-lb cans 50
No 7 cook stove, nickel finished, without furniture 16.00
J. J. QUINN.

A Few of J. J. Quinn's Prices.

A few of Alexander Humboldt Imported Havana Cigars, the finest cigar made, 5 in. long, each 25c
Lafayette, R. Fulton Imported Havana Cigars, 5 in. long, 100 good, 2. 25c
Estrella, Conqueror, Roby, La Figaro, Rothschild, 5 in. long, genuine Key West Cigar, each 10c
All the above Key West brands in 4 1/2 in. goods, 3 for 25c
Horsehoe nail's closets, furnished and set from 1.00
10-in. staple brands of plug chewing tobacco, by the box of 24 lbs, per lb 45c
Peacock Fine Cut Tobacco, the finest, per lb 25c
Vanilla, Fine Camomile, Long Jack, Virginia, Bright, Caporal Cigarettes per box of 50 packs 25c
Or 100 per box 45c
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Or 300 per box 45c
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Building, Reno, Nevada.

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PERCY T. PHILLIPS, M. D.
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Physicians and Surgeons, Reno,
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Sunderland Building. Physician may
be found in office from 7:30 A. M. to 10 P. M.
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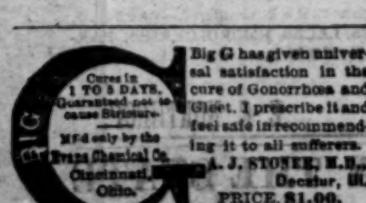
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At 10 A. M. there will be a

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Consisting of the following:

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Immediately after the breaking up of the

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Kissick Opera House, to listen to the exer-

cises there, which will be as follows:

1. Music by the Band.

2. Prayer by the Chaplain.

Rev. C. L. Fisher.

3. Song by the Choir.

4. Reading of the Declaration

of Independence.

5. Music by the Band.

6. Oration, by Rev. T. R. Ma-

gill.

7. Reading of the Poem, by

Miss Nellie Little.

8. Song by the audience —

"America."

9. Benediction.

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There will be a

BASEBALL MATCH!

Between the Truckee and Reno clubs, on
Evan's field at 1 P. M.

At 2 P. M. there will be a

PARADE OF HORRIBLES!

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At 8 P. M. there will be a

A Display of Fireworks!

In front of the OPERA HOUSE, on
the Plaza.

At 9 P. M. there will be a

GRAND BALL!

IN THE PAVILION.

—

The formation of the procession will be

on Virginia street, the line facing west, the right

resting in front of the Riverside Hotel, and the line extending thence southward.

The Line of March

Will be along Virginia street to Commercial

Row, along Commercial Row to Lake street;

along Lake street to Fourth street; along

Fourth street to Sierra street; along Sierra

street to Plaza street; counter-marching on

Plaza from Lake street to West street; along

West street to Second street; along Second

street to Virginia street; along Virginia street

to Sierra street, and thence to Opera House.

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MAJOR DUCAT

Will be Marshal, with Frank Barnes and C.

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Will be President of the Day.

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"Around the world in twenty hours!"

"You don't mean it."

"I do. That's just what a velocity of 2,100
feet per second means, and that is what this
gun will do for a second or two as we as
guts are gun."

So one of my naval friends as he pointed
to a gun long and slender as a telescope,
writes an Amispolis (Md.) correspondent
to the New York World.

"But how can you measure any velocity
as great as that?"

"Easily enough," asserted the scientific
young sea-dog. "Just wait until we get this
gun into position, and you shall see for
yourself how the thing is done."

Thus it came to pass that this morning, in
answer to a note from my friend, I found
myself landed on the long, rickety wharf of
the naval proving ground at Annapolis. A
less warlike-looking place it would be hard
to imagine. Two unpretentious frame buildings
on a small hill, a barn, a bit of swamp and a
farmhouse; but the stars and stripes floating
from a flag-pole marked it as Uncle Sam's
private property. I dived into the
larger of the two buildings. Through the
open door I saw on my right a large uncar-
peted room from which my friend called to
me to come in. On the walls were maps
and guns, pistols and odd-lots of instru-
ments. In the center of the room was a photographic
outfit and three massive wooden pedestals
on which stood instruments, each of which
an officer was busily engaged in adjusting
"These are Bouleuvre chronographs," said
my friend, adding: "We are going to fire
just as soon as that schooner gets out of
range."

"First what?" said I, for I saw nothing
except some small arms. "The gun you
saw last week?" retorted he, and when some-
body outside sung out: "Stand by!"

The some body was a Lieutenant, with a
big red flag in one hand and a blue one in
the other.

"Ready, A!" "Ready, B!" "Ready, C!"
called out the three officers in rapid suc-
cession, when flash, rattle, down came the rods
of the chronographs. "Bang! Whiz-rush-
roar! and way out in the Chesapeake I
could see the splash, splash of the shot
miles away.

"A 2,108," said some one, and turning I
saw the three officers bending over the
table, each carefully measuring a steel rod
about twenty inches long, its whole length
nearly covered by a thin zinc cylinder. "B
1,108," "C 2,119," they announced in turn,
which was entered in big books, the rods
were again measured and the entries
checked.

"Now," said my friend, "let me present
you to my fellow-warriors and explain this
mystery." "Look out there!" "Out there!"
some hundred yards away was a shed with
some six or eight guns of various sizes and
shapes, all pointing towards a heavy butt of
earth one hundred yards from them. Be-
tween the guns and the butt were open
wooden frames, like big picture frames,
with wire laced back and forth across them,
while here and there ran telegraph wires
which finally entered the room in which we
were and connected with the chronographs.

"Now," said my friend, "here is the
whole thing in a nutshell. These chrono-
graphs consist of a couple of electro-magnets
and a little spring knife. The upper
magnet holds the long, zinc-covered steel
rod; the second holds a short steel rod.
The gun is fired, the shot cuts the wire
in the nearest frame, or screen, as it is tech-
nically called, and so breaks the circuit of
the upper electro-magnet, allowing the long
rod to fall. When the shell reaches the sec-
ond screen, the one furthest from the gun,
it breaks the circuit of the second electro-
magnet, thus allowing the shot to fall to
the ground. The falling a short distant, strikes
the trigger of the spring knife. The knife,
being released, flies forward and makes a
dent in the zinc on the long rod, so that
one can measure the distance the long rod
has fallen before the knife marks it, and as
this space bears a distinct ratio to the time,
and as the time is exactly that taken by
the shot in passing over the known distance
between the screens, we know the time and
hence the shell's velocity per second."

"But does not the short rod occupy some
time in falling and does not the knife take
some little time in striking the rod?" I asked.

"So it does, and the way we got round
that is this." Here he hung both rods to
their magnets. "See this key. If I press
it I break simultaneously the circuit of both
magnets and release both rods at one and
the same time. Thus," and pressing the
key, down fell the rods. "Now see this mark
on the zinc. That is made by the knife,
and is called the 'disjunct' reading," and it's
from this mark that we measure the
distance that the long rod falls.